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The California Surf Project



Synopsis

Quit your job, pack your boards, and surf your way down the California coast....Sound like a daydream? The California Surf Project is the fully illustrated travel diary of two surfers who took this trip of a lifetime. Chris Burkard, a talented photographer, and Eric Soderquist, a professional surfer, cajoled their Volkswagen bus along Highway 1 from the Oregon border to the Tijuana Sloughs and discovered everything the Golden State's legendary coastline has to offer. Relive their incredible adventure of surfing perfect waves, sharing campfires with total strangers, and keeping the bus running with duct tape and prayers in more than 200 gorgeous photographs, soulful text, and a professionally produced thirty-minute DVD.

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Customer Reviews

Chris Burkard is a surf photographer whose work has appeared in over 35 international publications. He lives in Arroyo Grande, California. Eric Soderquist is a professional surfer, artist, and world traveler. He lives and surfs in Shell Beach, California.

Ok, so I admit I am an armchair mountaineer and armchair surfer. I love to read and look at photos about surfing. So when I heard about this book, I was all in. I read it from cover-to-cover, studied the photos and watched the included video. This book inspires you. You can feel the road/journey they are on. I completed the book feeling like I needed to go. Head out. Take a journey. This is good. The book inspired me to live again and I will.

I liked this book. But then I like both surfing and good travelogues in general so it was a bit of a given. Two surfers win a free grant to go on a surf trip as long as they write a book about it, so they do. Pretty much explains it. Nice photography, interesting thoughts and angles from a surfers perspective and two guys get to surf the Californian coast just for fun and document the whole thing. I thought the pic on the cover was one of the best in the book regarding mood and sense of place but the photography overall is good - in a trendy 'art' surfer mag kind of way. I was disappointed to only see photographs as one of the guys is a painter, but I thought the photographer had a good eye and natural style re graphic layout and image. (My thoughts anyway.) Am also keen to read the Bend to Baja book mentioned by another reviewer. Gave it as a present because I thought it was a good book for inspiration and didn't want it wasted, just sitting on my shelf. (Would have donated it to the local library but have given them both the Bra Boys Autobiography and Mick Fannings and haven't seen either on the shelves, so passed it on to someone who I thought would appreciate it.) Nice book. Recommended for the right audience.

Photos and text intertwine, letting reader "accompany" these two surfers on a vagabond adventure, following the California surf line from Oregon to Mexico. Living in a barely operational VW bus, with little money, they press through dreary rain and bright sun to sample the waves, but more importantly for a couple months of complete freedom.

Gave this to my husband as a gift. Both of us grew up in California, so it was an awesome surprise!

A beautifully done book for surfers. I sent this to my niece for graduation from university. She loved the book. To me that means success the book made her happy which made me happy. Buy the book it doesn't disappoint.

Beautiful hardcover book with great surf and landscape pictures and stories of each place in California that they traveled. Its a must have for your bookshelf.

Awesome! A must have in any surfers collection...

great photography and very well put together. not just for surfers at all. a great trip down the Ca. coast.

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